



Series on the Acts of the Apostles #19  
**The Transforming Power  
Of the Gospel**

Acts 9:1-19  
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**Introduction:** *Can you remember your conversion experience?*

Today we will look at one of the most dramatic salvation experiences in all of Scripture. Yet it is no more real or valid than mine or yours.

- I. Paul's (Saul's) Conviction vv. 1-3
  - A. His intentions
  
  - B. His internal turmoil
    1. Stephen's message
  
    2. Stephen's death
  
    3. Old Testament Scripture - Messiah
  
    4. Men and women he had persecuted - their faith
  
    5. KJV – "Kick against the goads"

II. Paul's confrontation vv. 3 ff.

- A. His mind-set
  
- B. His miracle (conversion)
  1. The particulars
  
  2. The practicals

III. His confession vv. 17,18

- A. His entry into Damascus
  
- B. His three days of blindness
  
- C. His visit from Annanias

**Conclusion:**

1. We have seen the tremendous power of the gospel to change a life like Saul's.  
  
Q. What changes can you identify in your life since trusting Christ as Savior?
  
2. Paul's conversion is a testimony to the validity and trustworthiness of the gospel, of Christianity itself. There is no other explanation.  
  
Q. Is Christ, God the Father and the Holy Spirit real to you?
  
3. Christ is still confronting people today.  
  
Q. What have you done with Jesus? Are you confronting people with Jesus?